

Remarks

5 This is in response to the July 7, 2010 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment relating to the amendment submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 2, 2010 and a first Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 14, 2010 in the above-referenced patent application. This Reply is being submitted within the 1-month deadline for responding to the Notice and does not require a petition for extension of time or fee.

Status of the Claims

10 The original claims 1-44 were indicated to be originally filed. However, applicants appreciate the Examiner's finding that claims 11-14 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement, and therefore each of these claims should have the proper "withdrawn" claim identifier. The proper claim identifiers for withdrawn claims 11-14 are now provided as shown in the Listing of Claims, above.

15 Claims 6, 24, and 27-43 (now claims 27-42) were also previously withdrawn. Claims 3, 7, 23, and 25-26 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-10, 15-22, and 43 remain. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the address and/or phone number provided below if clarification or additional information is needed on any of these matters.

20 Respectfully submitted,
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